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Assistant Director for Operations

8 April 1955

Acting Chief, [ ] FOIAB3B1

Progress Report for March 1955

OPERATIONS

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1. The Eighth meeting of the [ ] [ ] Coordinating Committee was held in the office of the AD/O on 16 March 1955. [ ]

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[ ] Details are covered in the official record. 25X1C8C

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2. [ ] revised report on OO propaganda analysis activities, comprising its operational conclusions and recommendations, was referred to the Divisions for concurrence prior to forwarding to the West Coast for reproduction. A second report which examines the function of propaganda analysis in the political intelligence field is being discussed in draft.

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3. Comprehensive Radio Propaganda Reports issued during the month on [ ] initiative (a) examined the respective bases of power in the Malenkov-Khrushchev struggle and (b) described world radio reaction to the release of the Yalta papers. A number of reports prepared on special request included one for the Director reviewing Soviet propaganda on exchanges of delegations with the United States.

4. Extensive coverage of Soviet Republican Supreme Soviet sessions was published in Daily Reports during March and is continuing in April. Supreme Soviet sessions from the Tadzhik, Byelorussian, Moldavian, Kazakh, and Ukrainian Republics were covered.

5. Items monitored from Soviet and East European broadcasts mentioning the Matusov case were transmitted to the Senate Internal Security Committee through the Agency Legislative Counsel.

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6. Distribution was made of the [ ] compilation of the Free Greece Radio's [ ] broadcasts of 1954.

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7. Evaluations of Baltic area material by major intelligence offices and USIA indicated sufficient consumer support to justify this monitoring activity and representations were therefore made to the [ ]

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8. The Caribbean Command concurred in the [ ] proposal to survey military locations in [ ] for a Latin-American [ ] cruising post. Mr. [ ] Section, will make the survey.

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9. Experimental monitoring of Byelorussian regional broadcasts was undertaken by the [ ] to supplement [ ] and [ ] coverage, and to indicate potentialities of [ ] in monitoring Soviet regional broadcasts.

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10. The investigation of locations in [ ] for emergency Southeast Asian coverage by Mr. [ ] achieved favorable results from a monitoring point of view. No serious obstacles to the establishment of a small [ ] at a suitable site are envisaged.

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11. Air Technical Intelligence Center provided a film strip and sound recordings made in Moscow of Marshal Zhukov's 22 February Army-Navy Day speech, which was televised but not broadcast nor otherwise published in full. The speech was translated and disseminated as an [ ] Radio Propaganda Report, and the film was turned over to OGD for custody. A number of clear pictures were obtained. Contact by the Chief Engineer, [ ] with [ ] revealed that equipment for simultaneous recording of pictures and sound from television broadcasts has been developed in the laboratory, but is not yet practicable nor economical for routine use.

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12. A series of reports from the [ ] concerning unusual static interference appear to bear some correlation with the nuclear tests conducted during the month in Nevada. A series of special observations and recordings have been made and a report of pertinent information is under preparation for OSI to study with scientific skepticism.

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13. [ ] construction:

a. Housing construction under project DD/I-156-54 is 85 per cent complete. Two houses have already been accepted from the contractor.

b. A contract was awarded on 30 March 1955 for housing construction under project DD/I-172-55 in the amount of \$169,870.00, exclusive of contingency of \$23,660.00 withheld by the [ ] Engineer District. The successful bidder was [ ] a combine of two American companies.

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c. The storage quonset building at [ ] is 60 per cent completed.

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15. The Chief, [ ] departed on 20 March on a field inspection trip to the West Coast and to all overseas bureaus. He was accompanied to the [ ] by [ ] Head, [ ] Monitor-25X1A5A1 ing Service. FOIAB3B1 25X1A9A FOIAB3B1 25X1A9A

FOIAB3B1 16. [ ] Chief Engineer, [ ] and [ ] 25X1A5A1 Chief Engineer, [ ] attended the Institute of Radio Engineers 1955 National Convention in New York City during the period 21-24 March. Their attendance was worthwhile from the standpoint of orientation in late developments and trends in the electronics industry.

17. Personnel:

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a. The [ ] table of organization was increased by two native teletype operator positions.

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c. The local wage scale for the [ ] was increased by approximately 10 per cent, paralleling similar action by the State Department.

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d. Requests for the appointment of two analyst candidates were made to the Office of Personnel as a result of the Radio Propaganda Branch Deputy Chief's recruiting trips to Eastern and Midwestern Universities.

18. Medical support including physical examinations and immunizations for employees and dependents, was established for the [ ] by the Medical Staff, who will pay for this service. FOIAB3B1

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Enclosures: FOIAB3B1

- I. [ ] Production
- II. Personnel Services

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